LETTER FROM FRANCE

Lieut. Gallagher Cends us Interesting (hristmas Program

MIDDLETOWN BOYS TOCK PART Company "K", 59th Pioneer Infantry,

Boucg, France, January 1, 1919.

MR. T. S. FOURACRE, Middletown.

Delaware.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a story which no doubt will interest those is Middletown and vicinity who have sons and and relatives over here, and ask that you print same in the paper.

All the boys are well and getting along very nicely, and every one is now looking forward to the day when we sail for the good old U. S. A.

I will not try to tell you by writing what we have been doing as it would take some time to do so and as you no doubt know time is very precious in the Army, but the story will give you an outline of our work which was very exciting as well as dangerous.

The Wilmington papers spoke of us as being a part of the 87th Division and not having seen action. We are not a part of the 87th, but a separate organizations and true, we did not see things fantry as they were in the trenches neither did we get in the trenches, but, from our second week here until hostilities ceased we were very close to the front line and under shell fire practically all of the time and you may say helpless, as we could not fight back, therefore, according to our way of looking at it we saw quite a little action.

Kindly remember me to all my friends and hoping to see you all soon again,

Respectfully yours, D. B. GALLAGHER. 2nd. Lt. U. S. Army.

"Yankee Doodle came to town," Yankee Doodle being the 3d Battalion of the 59th Pioneer Infantry, formerly the 1st Delaware Infantry, the town Boucq. Meurthe, France, the time a few days before Xmas 1918, and Xmas 1918 being the second gladdest in the world's history, it was proper that it be celebrated in a fit manner. The decision being unanimous it was decided to give an exhibition of Yankee pep, in the form of an entertainment, that this little old world town will long

The decision made, all, from the Commanding Officer to the last private. get busy. Committees were called and plans outlined. Men in trucks, wagons and motorcycles searched the country for commissaries, canteens and stores where supplies might be found. The entertainment committee declared open season on all local talent and the catch was given intensive training in "How to entertain in public." Decorators and mechanics were set to work arranging the stage effects.

body wanted to help. Trucks laden with mysterious boxes and bundles rolled up to Headquarters and immediately Mr. O. D. Yankee tendered his assist-

Even the placid townsfolk caught the spirit. They viewed with interest and curiosity the mad Americans' preparations for the celebrations of "Noel"

Securing a tree was a matter of some moment. For France being an old and thickly populated country has little timber. The available supply has been further greatly decimated by this war.

Forestry laws are very rigid. The Major du Cantonment was consulted. This gentleman kindly assisted personally in locating a suitable tree. Permission was generously given by General Morlaincourt, owner of a beautiful chauteau and large grounds in the town, to cut a tree on his estate. The tree was borne in state on the shoulders of husky Pioneers to the place of honor in the Blace de la Mairie, on Public Square. Its progress was in the nature of a triumphal procession. People dropped their work to come and watch, children followed the procession, dogs barked and mild excitement prevailed.

Officers shed their coats and dignity and served as privates in the army of Santa Claus. Even the Major insisted on being enrolled. Each man was to be given a stocking filled with goodies in the approved Xmas style. The officers worked, filling the stocking hours after taps-the soldier's good-night-that echoed among the hills around Boucq. The stockings, a pair to each man, were donated by the American Red Cross,

So well did each worker perform his part that Xmas Eve showed all arrangements complete. A light snowfall added further to the decorative effect and the spirit of the season.

Dawn of Xmas Day brought with it promises of more snow and several flurries punctuated the program. All calls were suspended and the boys ears were not assailed by the Bugle's imperious command to crawl from a warm bed into the darkness of early dawn. A late breakfast "like the folks back home," then each company marched to the Square where the program was to

commence at 9.00 o'clock. The hard working committee headed by Chaplain Joseph M. Kelley, had preceded them and the program commenced promptly on the hour. The program as arranged follows:

1. Opening Prayer, Chaplain J. M.

2. Christmas Carol "Adeste Fidelis," **Battalion Choir** 3. Salutatory, Col. J. Warner Reed Commanding 59th Pioneer Infantry 4. Selected, 59th Pioneer Infantry

5. Chorus, t.a Marseilles, By the children of Bouca

6. Caricature, Pvt. John Vanyo-Co.

7. Clog Dancing, Pvt. Frank Scutro-Co. "M'

8. Battation Chorus, Selection 9. The Human / Comptometer, Pvt. Alhert Gamble-Co. "K"

10. Musical Selections, Waggoner Workman-Supply Co. 11. Jordan Specialty, Pvt. Edward

Jordan-Co. "M" 12. Selections, 59th Fioneer Infantry

Rand 13. Vocal Selections, F. Lapiano-Co.

14. Bird Imitations, Geo. Kennard-

Hgrs. Co. 15. Solo, Anthony Gervasi - Co. "K" 16. A Real Irish Jig, Pvt. Thomas

Lillis-Co. "M" 17. Solo Unique, Jacob Rappaport-Hqrs. Co., Hebrew Selection

18. Selection, 59th Pioneer Infantry Band

19. Address, Maj. J. P. LeFevre Commanding 3d Bn., 59th Pioneer In-

20. Ensemble, Star Spangled Banner Colonel Reed was warmly cheered. He said in part:

"There still seems to be a number of the regiment present. According to the papers back home the 59th Pioneer Infantry was completely annihilated.

"Some of the presents which will be given have been secured through our own efforts. Part of the committee and myself went AWOL to get them. We went to Netz to get these presents. We beat the M. P.'s by five seconds before they put a ban on entering the city. We had arrived and when the

ban was put on we were in. "The work that you boys have been doing has been very, very efficient, and has been trying. You have made good. You had the nerve to do what you were told to do. It does not take as much courage to go over the top in the inspiration of the fight as it does to build a railroad, a road or lay pipe under shell fire with no means of fighting back. We all have our part to do in the fight and we did our part Well. We are all part of it. The fighting branch of the army could not fight if they could not obtain the necessary ammunition

and supplies. "There are a number of men present who have been soldiers with me for a good while. This is the third Xmas we have been away from home. We have answered Duty's Call. In 1916 we were in Deming; in 1917 in the Sunny South where it never gets cold; in 1918 we are in Sunny France where the sun never shines. I can promise you that you will be home by next Christmas. But now is the trying time. We are thinking about get ; home, and our minds rece, lo . coming, don't forget it !"

Major LeFevre, commander of the battalion, was received with cheers. He spoke as follows:

"I want to wish all you men a merry, merry Christmas, And I thank all you men of this Battalion for the work that | Eliza Croft. you have done and the way you did it. "You did what you were ordered to

do and did it well. No higher praise can be given to a soldier. It was hard to do this work, and as the Colonel has told you, without the inspiration of going over the top under the fire of shot and shell. I am proud of you, the Colonel is proud of you and the people back home are proul of us all. (I say

us, because I want to be in it too). "Most of the presents we have here to-day are due to the people back home and came from the U.S.A. They came through the organizations that the home folks have supported; the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C. and Salvation Army. We can feel deeply thankful for the hearty sympathy and support that the folks back home have given us.

"We must now be prepared for the happy time when we go home. Go homeclean! Do nothing that will be a disall to the folks back home. Go home and family. clean, so that you march up the streets back home with your heads up in the air.

especially mention for the work that he has done. It is difficult to make special mention of anyone for there is so many deserving mention, but the one man whom I wish to speak of has been with this Battalion through the most discouraging difficulties and has labored incessantly for us. Boys, three cheers for Chaplain Kelly. (cheers).

"Also I wish to say that we love France. She has always been our ally and friend. She helped save us in times past and made it possible for us to help save her in this war. Three cheers for France. (Cheers).

"And now once again, and above all, three cheers for the U.S. A. and the folks back home. (Cheers, big cheers). Hearty cheers greeted the Major's reference to Chaplain Kelly. Father Kelly is a Hoboken, N. J. product, and joined the regiment a few days before

say, "He's little but he's all man." (CONTINUED ON FOURTH PAGE)

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Kems About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO Miss Clara Gallagher was a recent

guest of friends in Smyrna. Dr. G. B. Pearson, of Elkton, spent the week-end with his family here.

Mrs. C. R. Manlove has been visiting relatives in Philadelphia this week. Mrs. G. Norman Gill, of Philadelphia,

is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gill. Miss Bernice Metten, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with her parents

Mr. J. Everett Walls and son visited

Mr. H. Elmer Kirk has been visiting friends in Schenectady, N. Y., this Mrs. J. Everett Walls is entertaining

her mother, Mrs. Robert Short, of Georgetown. Corporal J. Carson Segelken, of

Edgewood, Md., spent Sunday with his parents here. Miss Allie R. McKee, of Wilmington,

vas entertained over Sunday by Miss Ida V. Howell. Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Merritt are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Price.

of Wilmington. Miss Lilliah M. Miles, of Norfolk, Va., has been visiting Miss Helen Man-

love this week. Miss Helen Shepherd, of Wilmington, was entertained over the week-end by Miss Jessie C. Shepherd.

Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd and daughter Miss Jessie C. Shepherd, are spending several weeks at Miami, Fla.

Mrs. J. K. Valliant and son, of Saulsbury. Md., were recent guests of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinyard. Mrs. Adam Reed and daughter Elsie, have returned home after a visit with

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wood daughter Miss Bertie are guests of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, this week.

Mrs. Reed's mother at Mechanicsburg.

Mrs. Herbert Pyle and little daughter and Miss Norma Pyle have been visiting Mrs. Pyle's mother, Mrs. M. C. Otwell at Laurel this week.

Sergeant Julius N. Kirk, who has been in the service overseas for several months and having received his honorable discharge, returned home on Tuesday morning.

Mr. William C. Gallagher, who has been in the U.S. service and stationed at Camp Meade, Md., for the past six months has received his honorable dis charge and returned home on Thursday

ODESSA

Miss Oka Wallace, of Wilmington spent Sungay last with her parents. Mrs. Charles Ford, of Wilmington spent Sunday with Miss Annie Reynolds J., is the guest of his sister Miss Emma

Mr. William Cantwell, of Cheswold, Del., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duhamel.

Mr. George Croft, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his mother Mrs.

Mrs. Edward Andrews, of Chester, spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs

Lillie Graig. Mr. and Mrs. John Crompton, of St. Georges, visited Miss Mary Lightcap on Sunday last.

Mrs. Elva Gross and children, Frederica, is visiting her father Mr. William Turner.

Misses Georgia Enos and Frances Davis, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at their homes here.

Miss Annie Vandegrift, of Philadel phia, spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Sarah Vandegrift.

Miss Grace McLaurey, of Edgem spent Sunday with her parents Rev. E. A. McLaurey and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Porter, o. Wilmington, were guests of Mrs. Eugene Eccles Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Emily McClellan, of Chester and Mr. George McClellan, of Dayton, credit to you, to the regiment or above Ohio, spent Sunday with Howard Morris

The Parcel Post Sale to have beel held in the Red Men's Hall on Thurs "There is one man whom I wish to day evening Jan. 30th has been postponed until Thursday evening, Feb. 13th, 1919.

Epworth League on Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Topic, "The Youngest Democracy, -China." Leader, Miss Helen Sparks. Everybody is invited to attend these interesting meetings.

Mr and Mrs. Joseph Heller had a guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Austin and son, of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cullin and son and Mr. and Mrs. Norman VanHekle and children, of State Road.

Delaware Red Cross Shows Gains

An increase of 250 per cent. in this year's Red Cross drive over that of the preceding year is shown by the latest reports, 54,000 adults having enrolled as compared with 15,000 at Christmas. 1917. In addition to this there were it left Camp Dix, N. J. As the boys 20,000 junior members. It is believed Delaware exceeded the record of every other State in the Union.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

Sunday after Epiphany. (Purification

Services: 10:30, Sermon and Holy 11.45, Sunday School session

7.30, Evening prayer and address THE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 2d. 4th Sunday after Epiphany " 9.h. 5th " "16th. Septuagesima Sunday.

" 23d. Sexagesima ' 24th. St. Matthias.

Meetings: The Parish Guild will meet at the Rectory on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. The Epiphany meeting of the Dio-

cesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in Trinity Parish House, his parents at Georgetown part of this Wilmington, on some Thursday during the Epiphany season, the exact date to be announced later. The fall meeting in Dover was less well attended than usual, owing to the unfortunate postponement which had been made necessary by the epidemic. It is hoped the Epiphany meeting will in a measure make up for the many absences in November. It is hoped that the Rev. C. E. Betticher of Alaska, will be the

We have received the first contribution for the work of the War Commission. Our apportionment is \$80.00. The offering is to be received on Sunday, February 9th, The Rector hopes there will be a general as well as a generous response to this appeal. Remember what 'our boys' have done for

Feb. 2d. The Feast of the Presentation of Christ "They brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. St. Luke 11:22. This is a double feast, bringing to remembrance the presentation of the Holy Child in the temple, according to the law, and also the offer ing made by His Mother, her purifica tion being accomplished For forty days after the birth of her son, the mother, if rich, offered a sacrifice, or if left nothing but the select stock. poor, like the blessed Mary, she brought two turtle doves or pigeons. We are taught in this festival the puri fication of body and soul and to prac-tice that obedience which our Saviour and the blessed Virgin taught by their

example.

The days of separation past,
Commaniled by the word,
The Virgin Mary brings her child
To offer to the Lord. More than a mother's common joy Her thoughtful heart beguiled

For to her breast she knew she pro-More than a common child. The hope of all the ends of earth

Then on her bosom lay, Whom Saints had sought, while prophets taught
The coming of His day.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, February 2d, 1919. 9.30 A. M. Brotherhood Meeting in charge of Brother George Pinder. I0.30 A. M. Morning Worship

ermon by the Pastor. 2.00 P. M. Sunday School. No one is too old to study God's Word in the Sunday school. No one is too wise to study the word. Everybody needs to study God's revelation to the world,

We would like to see you present. 7.30 P. M. Evening Worship with sermon by the Paster. Good music at these services. Come and worship with

Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Regular monthly meeting of the Official Board on Friday evening, February

The February meeting of the Wonan's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary societies will be held at the nome of Mrs. M. B. Burris next Mon- Mrs. Thornley, at Sassafras, Md. day evening, February 3d. Please bring mite boxes of both organizations. As this meeting closes up the work of the conference year it is hoped a large number will be present.

Forest Church Notes Sunday, February 2d, 1919.

10.30 A. M. Public worship with 11.45 A. M. Sunday School session

6.45 P. M. Christian Endeavor ser-7.30 P. M. Evening service with ser-

Wednesday evening, Prayer meeting. We desire to thank our choir for their sympathetic participation in the memorial service for John Hoffecker or last Sunday morning. Their rendering of "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep, was very impressive, and Mrs. Lens Redgrave's lovely prelude, and the rich dignified funeral march for the postlude, were in excellent taste. We also thank Miss Ida V. Howell for loaning er collection of the flags of the entente nations for the decoration of the church. It was a notable service, and all who were present were thankful for the privilege of manifesting their solemn appreciation of the great sacrifice

Do our Patrons know that it would more than Pay them to form After March 1st the groom will engage the Habit every week to read our

that John Hoffecker had made for the

triumph of the Great Cause.

A. FOGEL Dept. Store.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Sunday, February 2d. The Fourth Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS Keep on buying stamps-you will be glad of it some day.

If the weather like this week stays with us it is hardly worth while to go to Florida or elsewhere.

John Heldmyer, Jr., Real Estate

on Marpit road from Elwood D. Dulin. Consideration private. Pleasant Summit W. C. T. U. will hold the next meeting at Mrs./Laura Eliason's on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6th. As this takes the place of the postponed January meeting the same

program will be carried out and each

member will please respond to roll call

with something appropriate for the Mercy department. Dr. Donald B. Coover, of Gettysburg-Pa., a graduate of University of Penn sylvania, with hospital and army experience, comes highly recommended. and will take care of I'r. Lewis' prac tice in his absence. Dr. Coover will occupy Dr. Lewis' residence while in

our town. Rev. L. E. Barrett, who for two months has been a patient in Union Hospital Elkton, has given up his pas torate at Townsend, M. E. Church, owing to poor health. The Rev. A. P. Prettyman, of Galena, has been ap-St. Anne's Parish Guild completed on pointed pastor of the Townsend Tuesday 14 garments for the Local Red | church until conference which meets in

Walter Lee a stockdealer in Townsenk sold on Saturday last 33 head of choice stock heifers and cows at his stables there amounting to \$3,500, which is thought to break all records of stock sales in this section. Mr. Lee had selected this herd with great care, buying them from all parts of the country and selling what he thought was not of good stock for beef, which

Roland R. Burchard, son of Frank Burchard, of near Taylors Bridge, is the banner trapper of this section for this season. He caught fifty-six muskone day last week being the highest number caught by anyone this winter While most of the local trappers report small catches, the price seems to please all. Black rat skins are selling from \$2 to \$2.50, while common skins bring from \$1 to \$2. Muskrat meats sell from 12 to 20 cents apiece. Some trappers say they would not trade their marsh lands for some high lands.

TOWNSEND

We are glad to report Master Charles Money improving, having had the flu. Mrs. Ruth Harris, of Chester, Pa.,

spent the week-end with friends here. Miss Gladys Money has accepted a position in Wilmington as stenographer. Mrs. R. Warren, of Clayton, was entertained Tuesday by Mrs L. L. Ma-

Mrs. D. B. Jones visited Wilmington Monday and Tuesday the guest of Mrs.

Miss Margaret Hutchison spent from Lovett in Newark.

Miss Mary Jester, of Delaware City, is spending a week with her cousin, Mrs. L. L. Maloney. Mrs. Jeremiah wartz, of Millersburg,

Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Townsend. Mrs. Margaret Ginn is spending sometime with her brother, Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Townsend have moved in town and are occupying their of the shipping public along the same

town Monday for a month's stay with ing clerks will be instructed hereafter their son, Mr. and Mrs. William Wright to insist, firmly but courteously, that Jr., in Atlantic City.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney entertained adhered to. at her home last Friday evening Winfield Lattomus and wife, Thomas Lat- Service Campaign" is to check, once tomus and wife, John Lattomus and wife, Mrs. Sallie Raisson, Lee Maloney and wife, D. B. Jones and wife and Dr. L. E. Barrett in honor of her father's 73d birthday The evening was an enjoya le one.

Daniels--Brynes Wedding

Mr. Harry L. Daniels son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Daniels, of near Mt. Pleasant and Miss Edna M. Brynes daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Brynes of this town, were quietly married in Wilmington, by Rev. John W.

Jones on Wednesday afternoon. The bride was becomingly attired in s traveling suit of blue silver tone cloth with black satin picture hat and carried a bouquet of white rose buds of cereal or a slice of ham we can affore and fern. The couple were attended by to waste.

Miss Mazzie Daniels a sister of the From time to time the accumulation groom and Mr. Howard Crossland.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels left on an afternoon train for a short wedding trip. in farming near St. Georges.

The Transcript extends its heartiest congratulations to the newly wedded

EDWARD C. STEVENS

Edward C Stevens, a lineman em ployed by the Western Union Telegraph Co., and living here, met a terrible death at New Castle Monday.

He was sent out by the company, to hunt a 'leak' in the lines running through New Castle and had found that to get at it, it would be necessary to climb a tree, from which a limb jutted close to the particular stretch of wire he wished to reach. When Mr. Stevens put his weight on the limb it gave sign Broker has purchased 16 acres of land of breaking under him and he instinc tively threw outhis hands to catch some thing he could hold to save himself The thing he happened to grasp was a wire which gave him a shock so severe that he let go his hold and tumbled to

the ground. The unfortunate man landed partly on his head, crushing the skull, and partly on his side, fracturing his thigh. He is supposed to have died instantly. Deceased is survived by a widow and five small children.

The remains were taken by train or Wednesday afternoon to Pocomoke City; Md., his former home, where interment was made on Thursday.

MRS. JEANETTE S. VOSHELL After a short illness Mrs. Jeanette S. Voshell wife of Warren R. Voshell died at her home near Summit Bridge, early Thursday morning, aged 20 years. Mrs. Voshell's death resulted from oneumonia which followed an attack of

She leaves a husband and three small children to mourn her untimely death. The funeral services will be held a her late home to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at two o'clock and interment will be made in Forest cemetery.

MRS. CATHERINE PARKER

Mrs. Catherine Parker for many years resident of this town and widow of the late Joseph C. Parker, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Levi G. Sterner, in Scranton, Pa., Wednesday, Deceased leaves one daughter, two

her death. The remains will be brought here on the 4.08 train Saturday afternoon, and

sons and a host of friends to mourn

MRS. ELIZA J. ALFREE Mrs. Eliza J. Alfree died at the hom of her son-in-law, Mr. William Fortner, at Blackbird, Thursday evening, in her

69th year. The funeral will be held at Mr Fortner's home Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock and interment will be made in

Townsend M. E. cemetery.

MRS. JOSEPHINE WEBSTER Mrs. Josephine Webster died at her nome in Townsend last Thursday night,

after an illness of only two weeks, aged The funeral services were held at her

Packing and Marking Express Plans of a most comprehensive nature to bring about conditions which will make possible a marked improvemen in the express service throughout the country, were announced, last night, by L. C. Scott, local representa-Friday until Monday with Miss Ethel tive of the American Railway Express Company. A "Better Service Campaign" will be undertaken by the 135,-000 men and women employed in the express business, for the purpose of raising the standards of packing, wrap-

ping and marking express shipments. The drive will start on February 10. in every city and town in the country. It will comprise a campaign of education and appeal among express employes simultaneously with a wide spread effort to secure the co-operation new home recently bought on Comrules have been adopted for the cam-Mr. and Mrs. William Wright left paign, but express drivers and receivthe rules already in force be strictly

The chief purpose of the "Better and for all, the waste of time, effort and money that result from lost or

damaged shipments. NO FOOD WASTE

Some danger has existed that the relaxation of restriction in the use of certain foodstuffs might lead to an erroneous belief to the effect that economies were no longer necessary, and that we might step tack into old wasteful habits prevalent before we

the relief of nervous fingers.

The facts are that there is not an ounce of food too much in the world, and that every man, woman and child is under the sternest necessity of saving whatever he can of meat and grain and vegetables. We have not a single grain

of stores of one food or another will indicate adjustment of the regulations, in the interests of economy, the conservation of storage space, or to release other foods for export. These situations are to be met as they arise, but in no case is permission to increase the ration particular food to be construed as notice to the public that extrava-gance with all foods is again endurable. In gine,

THE HONOR ROLL

Those Who Were Studious for the

Past School Month

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL The following pupils of the Middletown school are on the honor roll for the month ending January 23d:

HIGH SCHOOL Eleventh Grade-Claude Fouracre. Wilson Ginn, Purnell McWhorter, Jr., Daniel Bingnear, Ernest Tee.

Tenth Grade-Elizabeth Shallcross, Edith Cochran, John Carey, Clara Brady, June Johnson, Laura Fogel, Josephine Kohl.

Ninth Grade-Mary Records, Anna Bingnear, Elwood Avery. GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Eighth Grade-Margie Records, Caroline Fourecre, Burton Pearson, Percy Donaghay, John Pool, Gladys Gabriel, Walter Beasten, Harriett Black, Harman Money, Mildred Nelson, Charles Howell, Grace Rosenberg.

Seventh Grade-Elizabeth Clayton, Elizabeth Brady, Edwin Donaghay, Dorothy Caulk, Margaret Brady, Esther Shallcross, Catherine Reed, Grace VanDyke, Harris McDowell, Gladys Manlove, Stacy Jones, Dorothy C. Ratledge, John Spicer, Helen R. Kates, Victor Kohl, Ernest Ratledge, Preston Whitlock, Frank Vansant, Wallace

Hufnal, William Hall, Norma Pyle. Sixth Grade-Virginia Johnson, Leland Sinex, Harry Sinex, Linden Stafford, Katherine Conley, Mary Steel,

Rachel Thornton, Ida Dugan, Virginia Honkins Esther Gabriel, Harry Pearce. Fifth Grade-Helen Moore, Bertha Chance, Katherine Davis, Horace Moore, Elizabeth Hufnal, Katherine Hopkins, Helen Fouracre, Henry Howell, Evelyn Brown, Irma Montgomery, Charlotte Donaghay. John Voshell,

Herman Conner. PRIMARY SCHOOL Fourth Grade-Robert Gabriel, James Thornton, Alice Jolls, Mary Hynson, Olga Vlahos, Virginia Brady. Charles Hopkins, Joseph Beasten. Lewis Stewart, Julian King, Winfield Betts.

Third Grade-Cassie Denny, Jeoffrey Newsome, Oscar Brynes, Mabel Fouracre, Helen Bryan, Helen Stevens, Margaret.Fitzgerald. Second Grade-Dorothy Steele, Margaret Denny, Elizabeth Sinex, Margaret Baker, Evelyn Elliot, Kenneth Pennewill, Henry Vaughan, William Ham-

Ralph Berkman, Charles Pope, Roland Heldmyer. First Grade-Lena Leager, Marion Heldmyer, Fannie Bradley, Ethel Steele, Lillian Morehead, Albert Moore,

burg, Howard Gabriel, Leroy Hall,

John Howell, Henry Brady. **NEW CENTURY CLUB MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Middletown New Century Club was held at the Club House last Tuesday afternoon. After calling the meeting to order, the president, Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine, late home Monday afternoon and inter- introduced the superintendent of New Castle county schools, Professor Jump, who gave a most interesting address on the condition of rural New Castle County schools, after which he willingly answered any questions relative to the schools. Both Mr. Jump and the club hope, through wise legislation on the part of our Legislature now in session at Dover, that a great many difficulties may be overcome and the

conditions vastly improved. After Mr. Jump's address the president took up the business of the afternoon. As the club will be twenty-one years of age on the twelfth of February it was decided to have a luncheon on that date. Each member is entitled to two guests. But she must notify the Club hostess, Miss May Holten, not later than February 4th of the number of guests desired. After some discussion the menu for the occasion was decided upon. Miss Helen Brady was appointed chairman of entertainment

committee.

The president then announced the following program for the month of February: Feb. 4th, regular business meeting; current events in charge of Mrs. J. B. Cleaver. Feb. 11th, meeting omitted on account of luncheon next day. Feb. 18th, Miss Josephine Biggs and Miss H. Jones, committee for the day. Mrs. A. S. Warner, president of the State Federation, will address the Club. Feb. 25th, Mrs. J. C. Green, chairman of Home Economics, will have the program for the day.

Assessment Lists Posted

The New Castle County Board of Assessment has posted throughout the county the copies of the 1919 assessments. The lists include properties in

county the copies of the 1919 assess-ments. The lists include properties in the 34 rural election districts and the 12 wards of Wilmington.

Appeals must be made on or before March 31 To provide ample opportu-nity to taxpayers to make appeals or call attention to errors in their assess-ments, the Board will, beginning Feb-ruary 3, sit at a given place in each of the ten rural hundrads the ten rural hundreds.

New Fire Engine

The committee appointed to solicit

Hose Co., is meeting with wonderful success and it is confidentially believed that sufficient funds will be in hand in a few days to justify the firemen in placing their order for an up-to-date

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COSTLY BLUNDERS

OUR losses in the war are very much greater than the country had been led to except the total going well beyond the quarter of a million mark! Whether the War Department has been juggling the figures, or whether it is merely another illustration of the endless blundering that has marked Secretary Baker's course, we cannot now say, but it is admitted that for some reason or other the correct numbers of casualties as well as the list of the names of our killed and wounded heroes, have not been returned as they should have been and many thousands of families have been long kept in cruel and needless anxiety and suffering because of these

But the cruelest circumstance about our army's campaigns in France, is that by reason of the great blundering of Mr. Baker's department, thousands of our brave soldiers have been needlessly slain because there was an almost total want of sufficient artillery to protect them by smashing the deadly machine gun nests and artillery of the Huns in advance of our infantry's courageous charges. This lack of heavy guns forced our bold recklessly brave soldiers to go, so to say, empty handed up against the better armed Huns and at a fearful cost of life and limb, drive the foe out of their strong positions.

G. W. Byrne, a member of the "Famous 76" marines of Philadelphia, tells of the awful losses they sustained in their great charge at Cantigny in 1918 that broke the onrosh to Paris:

"After hiking 103 kilometres in three days, we met a large body of the enemy. The Frenck colonel wished to retire, and apprised our colonel of his intentions. The latter replied: 'Why, we have just arrived here, and we are going to try those Germans out.' We entered that engagement with 8,000 men, and came out with 2,000. The fighting was exceedingly keen, but the American marines accomplished their objective, which was the saving of Paris. From that day on Fritzie knew what he was up against.'

Those splendidly fearless young countrymen of ours went into that fight with 8,000 men and came out with 2,000 Why this awful loss? No proper artillery to prepare the way for their attack. One of Secretary of War Baker's costly blunders.

HAD BIG PART IN VICTORY

World Likely to Be Amazed When It Learns What the Aircraft Really Accomplished.

We have become so used to stories of wonderful feats accomplished by aircraft during the war that everything we hear nowadays leaves us almost cold. The things that, before the war, would have furnished bold headlines in the newspapers and have been a topic of discussion for days in the places where people congregate excite no more than passing notice, It is scarcely surprising, then, that the story of how touch has been maintained for more than two years between the allied armies of the Near East and the gallant remnants of the Serbians and Montenegrins who were hidden among their mountain fastnesses, and of how they were supplied with arms and cartridges by airplane, has hardly attracted attention. There has been nothing but the barest mention of the fact. We are not told how and from where the machines carried out their mission, of how many were engaged in the task of supply, or of what effect their wonderful performances may have had on the situation by keeping up the spirits of the gallant few who have held out against the enemy for so many weary months. We are simply told that the Serbian army, in its victorious advance, has obtained touch with those bands, who "since the Austro-Bulgarian occupation have been holding out among the mountains and have been continuously supplied with arms, food and cartridges by airplane." Now that the episode is historical, concludes Flight, and the enemy can gain no possible advantage from knowing how it was done, it is a pity that some official commentator with an imagination cannot tell us the full story, which must be a real epic of was.

RADIO TELEPHONE FOR AIRPLANE **USE DEVELOPED** BY BELL **ENGINEERS**

Baker Praises Work of **Wonderful Engineering Organization**

Apparatus Used by American and Allied Aviators **Revolutionized Plane Control**

With the coming of peace, many of the well-guarded secrets of the instrumentalities which have helped in winning the war are being learned. Not least among them is the wonderful Radio Telephone Set, which it is now said contributed to such a wonderful extent in the victory. The importance of the work of the Bell System in developing the Airplane Radio Telephone Set is shown by the letter which follows from the Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, to T. N. Vail, President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

"The Chief Signal Officer, General Squier, has called to my attention the splendid spirit of co-operation and helpfulness which has been evinced during the war by the wonderful engineering organisation of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The Airplane Radio Telephone Set, which has proven so satisfactory to the Air Service and which has brought about entirely new methods of military use of airplanes, is a particular example of the result of this co-operation. The evolution and development of this and other important apparatus was made possible only because your engineering staff freely tant apparatus was made possible only because your engineering staff freely furnished the highly technical knowledge and skill necessary in the develop-ment, design and manufacture of the

"Please express to your engineers
appropriation of the splendid service

The fundamental work in connection The fundamental work in connection with wireless telephony was done by the engineers of the Bell System prior to the entry of this country into the war, as reported in that Company's annual reports for the years 1915 and 1916. Upon the methods and apparatus there referred to is based all of the successful war applications of wireless telephony. Here are the later facts substantially as given by the Bell System engineers:

System engineers:
A considerable time before the
United States entered the war our Navy
was supplied by the Engineering Department of the Bell System with a partment of the Bell System with a wireless telephone outfit designed for communication between an airplane and a station on land or on a ship. From this time on until we entered the war the Western Electric Company, the manufacturing branch of the Bell System, as a part of its general study, continued its work of perfecting light, compact sets which would be available for use on small vessels and on airplanes. It is significant to note that the first It is significant to note that the first successful wireless test between an air-plane and the ground, made on Langley Field after our entry into the war, was made with one of these sets designed and completely built prior to our entry

into the war.

At the time of our entry into the war, as has been subsequently noted, as far as the facts are known, all of the Bell

as the facts are known, all of the Bell System's development work has been at all times far in advance of that of others, and others undertaking to do these things have employed apparatus and methods similar to, if not identical with, that of the Bell System.

On May 22, 1917, about a month after our entry into the war, General Squier, Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army, sent for Dr. Jewett, Chief Engineer of the Western Engineer of the Electric Company, to come to Washington to confer with him in reference

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Not a Modern Gun. "What were you going to do with this revolver?" asked Walter Pritch-

ard, judge of city court.
"Shoot rabbits," replied Abe McMurray, colored, age seventeen, 356 Fayette street, who was on trial charged with carrying concealed weapons.

The judge examined the weapon which was a small one, and noticed that the barrel would not revolve auto matically. He called the defendant's attention to this fact, and was told that it would revolve if turned by

The judge still appeared undecided, then finally remarked: "If this was a real gun I would fine you \$100 and osts, but since it is only about half a gun I will make the fine just half the usual amount." Then he wrote \$50 and costs across the face of the affidavit.-Indianapolis News.

Missouri Mule Always There. The Missouri mule was in the war long before the Missouri soldier entered it. The declaration of war was made for him in 1914, two years and a half before Pershing and the thousands of other Missourians got their orders to wheel into line. He had made a brilliant record there before their appearance. But, according to the London advices, he seems to have felt the impulse of Missouri behind him at the last, for it is written: "The mule shared in the big British advances on the western front this fall and proved his grit and worth by keeping right up with the rapidly advancing artillery." That is a Missouri characteristic.

According to the camp poster at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., camp record blanks were found insufficient to accommodate the address of an Australian who came indirectly assuming name of the individual, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllogogogoch in the county of Anglesey, North Wales. When he joined the army he held a residence at Waenarlwgdd, Swansea road,

Might Have Cracked Joke. "If," inquires the Dexter Statesman, "her aerial chauffeur addresse Mrs. Hohenzollern as 'your royal highness,' just as they were sailing through a cloud, why not?"-St. Louis ReHERBERT T. PYLE DEALER IN

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SHERIFF'S SALES

Wilmington, New Castle County,
Delaware

ON SATURDAY,
THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1919
At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
the following described Real Estate, viz:
ALL that certain lot or piece of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING on the northerly side of Eighth Street at the distance

THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1919
At 10 o'clock, A. M.
The following described Real Estate viz:
ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate on Prospect Avenue, in the town of Newark, New Castle County and State of Delaware, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: the 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1919
At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
the following described Real Estate, viz:
ALL that certain lot or piece of land
with the buildings thereon erected,
situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows,
to-wit: BEGINNING on the northerly
side of Eighth Street at the distance
of one hundred and forty-eight feet
westerly from the westerly side of

Street.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Wilmington Trust Company, administrator Cum Testamento Anexo of Joseph R. D. Seeds, deceased, mortgagor being also deceased, and Henry B. Seeds and Annie P. Seeds, his wife also mortgagors and t. t. s. and to he sold by and to be sold by JOSHUA Z. CROSSLAND, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del. January 27th, 1919.

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev. Fac. to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Court House. Southeast Corner of Eleventh and King Streets, City of Wilmington, New Castle County, Dalaware.

Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware.
ON SATURDAY.
THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1919
at 10 o'clock. A. M.,
the following described Real Estate, viz:
ALL that certain lot or piece of land with the frame dwelling house thereon erected, known as No. 3113 Market Street, and situated in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

scate of Delaware, bounded and de-scribed as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a point on the north-westerly side of Market Street, at the distance of eighty-nine feet six and one-quarter inches northeasterly from ne northeasterly side of Thirty-first treet; thence northwesterly parallel with Thirty-first Street and passing through the party wall between the house on this lot and the house on the lot adjoining on the southwest, one hundred feet to the southwest, one hundred feet wide alley; thence northeasterly along said alley side and parallel to Market Street, fourteen feet three and one quarter inches to a point. three and one-quarter inches to a point thence southeasterly parallel to Thirty thence southeasterly parallel to Thirty-first Street, and passing through—the party wall between the bouse on this lot and the house on the lot adjoining on the northeast, one hundred feet to the northwesterly side of Market Street, and thence thereby, southwest-erly fourteen feet three and one-quarter inches to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they, with the right to the use of said five feet wide alley as it extends southwesterly paralley as it extends southwesterly par-allel to Market Street, and southeast-erly parallel to Thirty-first Street, to the northwesterly side of Market Street, in common with others forever. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Samuel Winfield Penrose and Anna C. Linton, Executors of Samuel C. Penrose, widower, deceased Mortgagor, and to be sold by JOSHUA Z. CROSSLAND, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del. January 29, 1919.

SHERIFF'S SALE-BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev. Fac. to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Court House, Southeast Corner of Eleventh and King Streets. City of Wilmington, New Castle County,

Delaware ON SATURDAY,
THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1919 at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following described Real Estate, viz: ALL that certain frame messuage and tenement, or lot of ground, situate in the village of Newport, County and State aforesaid, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-

BEGINNING at a point in the centre line of Market Street, at the distance of one hundred and twenty-five feet west from the centre line of Augustine Street; thence by a line parallel with Augustine Street, and at right angles to Market Street, south two degrees east one hundred and seventy feet to a stake: thence by a line at right angles east one hundred and seventy feet to a stake; thence by a line at right angles with Augustine Street, and parallel with Market Street, westerly fifty feet to a stake thence northerly parallel to Augustine Street one hundred and seventy feet to the center line of Market Street aforesaid; and thence by the same easterly fifty feet to the place of Beginning. Be the contents thereof what they may.

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Seized and taken in execution as the
property of John S. Miller, surviving
mortgagor and William G. Dupgin, administrator of Annie Miller, deceased
mortgagor, and to be sold by
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Sheriff's Office. Wilmington Del

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side of Eighth Street at the distance of one hundred and forty-eight feet westerly from the westerly side of Franklin Street, thence northerly parallel with Franklin Street, thence westerly parallel with Franklin Street, thence westerly parallel with Eighth Street, twenty-four feet six inches thence southerly parallel with Franklin Street, and passing through the middle of the brick division wall of this and the adjoining house on the west one hundred and forty feet to the said northerly side of Eighth Street, and thence thereby easterly twenty-four feet six inches to the place of BE-GINNING, be the contents thereof what they may. Provided always nevertheless that the said Joseph R. D. Seeds and Henry B. Seeds their heirs or assigns shall not erect or cause to be erected any building or buildings on the said premises nearer than force. thereby south two and three-quarter degrees east one hundred and seventy-five feet to another point in the center or assigns shall not erect or cause to be degrees east one nundred and sevenly rerected any building or buildings on the said premises nearer than fifteen feet from the usual building line of Eighth Street.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Wilmington Trust Company, administrator Cum Testamento Manex of Joseph R. D. Seeds, deceased, and Henry B. Seeds and Annie P. Seeds, seeds and taken in execution as the more or less.

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Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del.,
January 20th, 1919.

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ESTATE of Charles Regneuar De-Ceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Charles Regneuar late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased; were duly granted unto Martin B. Burris on the Tenth day of December A. D. 1918 and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payment to the Administrator without delay, and all persons having demands against the persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to said Administrator on or before the Tenth day of December A. D. 1919, or abide by the law in this behalf.

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Address MARTIN B. BURRIS, Esq. Attorney-at-law, Middletown, Del.

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ESTATE of George G. Cropper Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of George G. Cropper late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto William A. Hubbard on the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1919 and all persons indebted to the said deceased are required to
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